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SWEDEN AND DENMARK ACT TO PROTECT MIGRATORY BIRDS

Are Negotiating Agreement Similar
to American-Canadian
Protective Treaty

An international agreement for the protection of migratory birds has been signed by the Minister for Foreign Affairs for Sweden and the Danish Charge d'Affaires ad interim, according to information received by the Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Signatures were affixed at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs at Stockholm, Sweden, on October 9. December 14, John Ball Osborne, American consul general at Stockholm, in response to a request made by Paul G. Redington, Chief of the Biological Survey, cabled that among other provisions the new agreement forbids the hunting or killing of swans, and also forbids the use of snares, of shot guns exceeding 12 gauge, or of automatic shot guns for "sea birds." The agreement also forbids the hunting of sea birds from motor boats in The Sound (between Sweden and Denmark) and other waters from May 31 to October 1.

Consul General Osborne advises that the agreement will probably be ratified in the near future, to become effective 10 days after ratification, except for the provision regarding shot guns, which will take effect April 1. A more detailed report on specific definitions of the sea birds covered by the agreement is expected later.

Commenting on the new agreement for bird protection, Mr. Redington expressed gratification that the importance of international protection of migrant birds is recognized in Europe, and that wild-life conservation measures are progressing in other countries along the lines adopted by the United States and Great Britain in 1916 for the protection of birds that migrate between the United States and Canada.

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